

FED. OF 800 PROTESTANT CHURCHES ASKS GARMENT BOSSES TO MEET WORKERS

A letter today from Chicago Church Federation council to garment manufacturers takes a bold knock at the refusal of the Kuppenheimers and Rosenwalds to meet the strikers and talk over arbitration.

As the council stands for 800 Protestant churches and 300,000 active church members it's a letter with a powerful kick of politics and public opinion to it. Coming only a few days after Mayor Thompson's attack on the preachers as encouraging violence and murder, it is taken to mean that the preachers feel stronger than before in their position that Big Bill hasn't got a leg to stand on in his claim that the strikers' violence is delaying strike settlement.

Across the hall from Room 1322, Y. M. C. A. bldg., the Church Federation council office, is the office of Arthur Burrage Farwell and the Law and Order league. Next to that is the office of the state court of Guardians of Liberty. All these work together more or less. After the mayor's dry Sunday order, this was the one corner in town where Big Bill had the most friends. Now the icicles are growing longer every day there.

A bomb explosion at 1039 Morgan st. early this morning was shaped up by the Evening Post as an attack by strikers on a strikebreaker, Giovanni Partipilo, who lives there. All early editions of other papers played it as an ordinary Black Hand affair. At garment strike headquarters it was stated that any day they expect a blow-up and blame laid on strikers by police.

"In Lawrence, Mass.," said W. D. Haywood of the Industrial Workers of the World, "dynamite was planted in strikers' homes. Ernest W. Pitnam, a contractor, killed himself when summoned to testify before a grand jury about the plants. John J. Breen, an undertaker, was the state's

chief witness. He confessed and was let off with a \$500 fine."

Ellen Gates Starr, speaking to ministers Monday, said that breaking of windows and other rough stuff in this strike comes from private agents of employers, detectives and sluggers.

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HILLMAN HAS SATISFACTORY MEETING WITH MAYOR

"Very satisfactory; I have hopes," was the comment of Sidney Hillman, garment union head, after meeting with Mayor Thompson this noon. It's admitted there's a chance now that Thompson will act. Hillman told the mayor that while strikers probably committed some violence, the mass of it is to be blamed on police and sluggers. Mayor Thompson ordered Corp. Counsel Ettelson to confer with State's Att'y Hoyne on crimes Hillman alleged against detectives and sluggers.

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WOULD HAVE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OUSTED

Aldermen Kerner, Merriam and Block, a subcommittee of the finance committee, will recommend to that body today the discharge of the civil service commission by the mayor and that they be prosecuted by the state's attorney.

Chairman Kerner will urge the committee to adopt the report immediately, so that it may be taken up in the council Monday night. The same subcommittee succeeded in getting their report recommending that the mayor discharge Boiler Inspector Nye to the meeting last week. The mayor refused to take action, saying Nye was the most efficient inspector the city ever had.

A few days late Nye discharged 15 inspectors that had been recommended to him for employment by the mayor. The majority of his inspectors are now civil service men.